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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits the report on the result of the elephants sale at Calicut and locally.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

This report will have to be reviewed along with the one referred to in it. It appears to have been already submitted to the Diwan. This may be submitted in continuation for orders.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

No. 8244. *Dated Bangalore, 25th April 1906.*

Enclosures

From

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Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

B.K.Venkatavarada Iyengar .....Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter C.No.228 dated 1st instant, I have the honour to report for the information of Government, the result of the disposals of the captured elephants referred to in para 21 of my report.

2. The number of elephants that have survived out of the herd of 87 captured was 79, and they have been disposed of in the following manner. :-

	No.	Amount. Rs.
Sold locally to different parties, ...	13	10,000.
Sold to the Muzrai Department for presentation to Matta, ...	5	8,500.
Reserved for the Gajashala of H.H. the Maharaja, ...	3	7,500.
Presented to Mr.Chatre of the Circus Company, by H.H. the Maharaja, ...	2	1,800.

Reserved

	No.	Amount.
Reserved for departmental purposes or future sale,	12,	10,000.
Sold by auction at Calicut,	46,	70,165.
Presented to the Malabar Forest Department,	1,	1,000.
TOTAL,	59,	Rs.1,17,765.
Add value of 6 Kunkies purchased for Khedda purposes,		24,000.
Grand total of receipts,		Rs.1,41,765.

3. The expenditure up to the end of March last has amounted to nearly Rs.90,000/- and a further expenditure of Rs.15,000/- is anticipated before the accounts are finally closed. The total expenditure on the whole operation will thus amount to Rs.1,05,000/- against an income of Rs.1, 1,765/- - yielding a substantial profit of Rs. 36,765/-. The results would have been considerably better but for the long period during which the elephants were kept in captivity and the high cost of feeding the shikkaries and the animals, necessitated by the great rise in the price of food stuffs and fodder, owing to the partial failure of the crops. Notwithstanding these unfavourable circumstances, they are unprecedented in the history of Khedda operations, for never on any former occasion have the receipts exceeded the expenditure.

4. A few particulars regarding the auction sale of the elephants at Calicut may not be out of place in this report.

Forty three elephants excluding one previously captured by the Forest Department, were taken to Calicut; and as per sale notice which was widely published in all the Southern Indian newspapers, they were put up to auction on the

the 17th and 18th April. The gathering of bidders was very large. Most of the leading Zemindars of Malabar, Cochin and Travancore or their Agents were present. The competition, therefore, was very keen, especially for tuskers and male calves. Of the animals offered for sale, 24 were tuskers or male calves and the rest cows or female calves. The former realised Rs.47,500/- giving an average of Rs.1,979/- and the latter, Rs.22,665/- giving an average of Rs.1,193/- per animal. The latter would have been better but for the sale of a lame cow which fetched a low price. Under ordinary circumstances, such an animal would have been let loose in the jungle or given away as a gift to some religious institution.

The highest price obtained for a tusker elephant was Rs. 3,600/- and the lowest Rs.800/- the corresponding figures for the cow elephant (excluding the lame animal above referred to) being respectively, Rs.1,875/- and Rs.725/-

The average price secured for each animal was Rs.1,632/- These figures are about 50 per cent higher than those obtained at any previous sale, and this satisfactory result must in a great measure be attributed to the splendid condition of the animals, which fact elicited universal admiration among the bidders.

My best thanks are due to Mr.Muthiah and Field Inspector, Oosumeah, for the great care taken of the animals not only during the time they were under training but also during the long march of 20 days.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Conservator of Forests.

Proceedings of the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Read:-

Letter No.C.228 dated the 1st April 1906, from the Conservator of Forests, submitting a detailed report on the Kheddah operations conducted during the recent visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Mysore, and bringing to the notice of the Government the excellent services done by the officers and officials employed in connection therewith.

2. Letter No.8244 dated the 25th idem from the same officer reporting the results of the disposal of the captured elephants showing a net income of over Rs.36,000.

Order thereon:- No. 5533-4
Gm 88-05-235

Dated Bangalore, 7th May 1906.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja have read with much satisfaction Mr. Muttanna's graphic and interesting report in connection with the Kheddah operations, for which, as also for the admirable work done by him and for the careful regulation of expenditure in the face of exceptional difficulties, he deserves the special thanks of Government.

2. The operations were a conspicuous success, and their execution and the preparations for them involved an amount of physical exertion, climatic exposure and personal risk that completely distinguishes the services of the officers and subordinates concerned from those of all others who contributed

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to the success of Their Royal Highnesses' reception in Mysore. Government are, therefore, disposed to treat with special liberality the case of the officers and others recommended by the Conservator ~~of Forests~~ for rewards. The names of these, with the rewards which it has been decided to grant to them, will be included in the lists to be appended to the general notdfication which will be issued on the 4th June next. It is only necessary here to make special reference to Field Inspector Oosumeah. The services of this man habe been quite exceptional and His Highness the Maharaja is, therefore, pleased to direct that his pension be raised from Rs.35 to Rs.100 per month, and that he be given a bonus of Rs.1,000 (one thousand).

3. The Conservator has also asked for a sum ofRs.5,000, for disbursement in the way of presents to Jamedars, Mahouts, and local Shikaris, according to the service rendered by them. This is reported to be in accordance with the mamul observed on previous occasions, and is also sanctioned. The Comptroller will place this sum at the Conservator's disposal, subject to the submission of detailed accounts, later on, for sanction.

Secretary.

To

The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

" Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.

To The Revenue (Forest) Branch.